

State of New Jersey

DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY
P.O. BOX 45005, NEWARK, NJ 07101

MEMORANDUM

TO: Debra Levine, Deputy Attorney General, DATE 4-13-94
Division of Law
FROM: Agnes M. Clarke, Executive Director
Board of Dentistry
SUBJECT: Consent Order concerning Dr. Edward Sledge

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The effective date of the 89 day active suspension has been extended to April 18, 1994.

This memorandum will be attached to the Consent Order and forwarded to all appropriate parties.

If you should require any additional information, please feel free to contact me.

cc: J.P. Dizzia, Esq.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION :
OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF : Administrative Action
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EDWARD SLEDGE, D.M.D. :
:
TO PRACTICE DENTISTRY :
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY :

CONSENT ORDER

This matter was opened to the State Board of Dentistry upon receipt of a Report of Investigation from the Enforcement Bureau Division of Consumer Affairs, which disclosed that Edward Sledge, D.M.D., had prescribed prescription legend drugs during a time period when respondent did not possess a current CDS or DEA number. The report further revealed that Respondent prescribed Schedule II narcotic drugs in violation of a 1/20/87 Consent Order entered into with the Board permanently enjoining Respondent from prescribing said Schedule II drugs. Said report also disclosed that from about December 1990 until May 1992 Respondent employed Joseph Schuster, an unlicensed individual, to perform work which

can only legally be done by persons licensed to practice dentistry in this State, and, it further appearing that said report disclosed that in or about December 1990 through May 1992 Respondent maintained an employment relationship with denturist Alan Drummer, an unlicensed person, to perform work which can only legally be done by persons licensed to practice dentistry in this State and for good cause shown;

In lieu of the filing of an Order to Show Cause for the emergent temporary suspension of Respondent's license and, in order to be adequately protective of the public during the course of the ongoing investigation, an Interim Order was filed on June 18, 1992. Said Order required that Respondent cease and desist from all prescribing, dispensing or possession of Controlled Dangerous Substances and employing unlicensed persons to perform work which can only legally be performed by licensed individuals.

The continuing investigation disclosed information indicating that Respondent billed third party carriers for dental services that were not performed and/or was billed prior to being performed;

The parties being desirous of resolving this matter without the necessity of further formal proceedings*, and it appearing that respondent has read the terms of the within Order and understands their meaning and effect and consents to be bound by the same, and it further appearing that the Board finds that

the within Order is adequately protective of the public interest, and it further appearing that good cause exists for the entry of the within Order,

IT IS ON THIS 23^d day of March, 1994,

ORDERED THAT:

1. Respondent shall cease and desist from all prescribing, dispensing or possession of all Controlled Dangerous Substances (all schedules) including, but not limited to, Schedule II drugs, however, Respondent may possess such drugs for his own personal use pursuant to a bona fide prescription issued by a lawfully authorized prescriber.

2. Respondent shall immediately and permanently cease and desist from employing unlicensed persons to perform work which can only legally be performed by persons licensed to practice dentistry in this State.

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5. Respondent shall immediately and permanently cease and desist from any further inappropriate billing practices

including, but not limited to, billing third party carriers for services that were not performed and/or were billed prior to being performed.

6. Respondent's license to practice dentistry is hereby suspended for five (5) years, all but 89 days to be stayed. The 89 day active suspension is to become effective two (2) weeks from the signing of this order. During the term of the active suspension period Respondent shall comply with the attached list of directives.

7. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty of \$21,500 pursuant to the payment schedule in paragraph 9 below.

8. Respondent shall pay costs of the investigation in the amount of \$12,837.38 pursuant to the payment schedule in paragraph 9 below.

9. The installment payment schedule for payment of the civil penalty and costs shall be as follows:

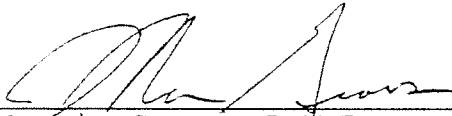
Contemporaneous with the signing of this Order Respondent shall submit a certified check or money order in the amount of \$15,000 to the New Jersey Board of Dentistry, P.O. Box 45005, Newark, New Jersey 07101.

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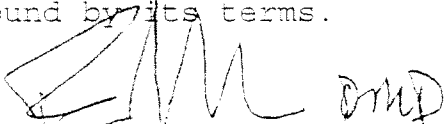
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NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY



Marvin Gross, D.M.D.
President

I have read and understand the within Order and agree to be bound by its terms.



Edward Sledge, D.M.D.

Consent is hereby given as to form of the within Order.


John Paul Dizzia, Esq.

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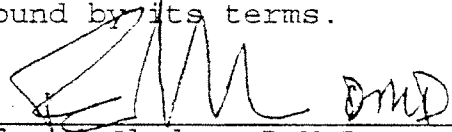
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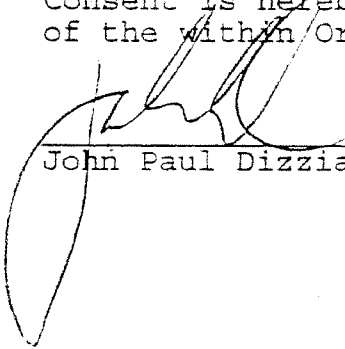
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IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION :
OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF :
EDWARD SLEDGE, D.M.D. :
TO PRACTICE DENTISTRY IN THE :
STATE OF NEW JERSEY :

Administrative Action
INTERIM ORDER

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ON THIS 17th day of June, 1992,

1. Pending further order of this Board Respondent shall cease and desist from all prescribing, dispensing or possession of all Controlled Dangerous Substances (all schedules) including but not limited to Schedule II drugs provided that respondent may possess such drugs for his own personal use pursuant to a bona fide prescription transfer written by a lawfully authorized prescriber.
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NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF
MEDICAL EXAMINERS

By William B. Cusack *WBC*
President
Board of Dentistry

I have read and understand the within Interim Order and agree to be bound by its terms. I understand that this is not a final disposition. Consent is hereby given to the Board to enter this Interim Order.

ES *DMD*
Edward Sledge, D.M.D.

Consent as to form.

John Paul Dizzia
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This matter was opened to the State Board of Dentistry upon the filing of an administrative action complaint by W. Cary Edwards, Attorney General of New Jersey by Maxine H. Neuhauser, Deputy Attorney General. The complaint alleged that on or about June 30, 1984 respondent used cocaine during a time when he was attending a patient and that in addition respondent used cocaine periodically as "social recreation." In answer to the complaint, respondent denied that he ever used cocaine while he was treating a patient; however, he admitted to having used cocaine occasionally and to having had an alcohol abuse problem. He further stated that his involvement with cocaine and alcohol terminated on or about September 1984 and since that time has been free from all

substance abuse. In support of his answer, respondent provided documentation of his participation in an in-patient detoxification program commenced September 18, 1984 and completed October 9, 1984.

In order to settle this matter without further proceedings and for good cause shown,

IT IS, THEREFORE, ON THIS 20th DAY OF January, 1985,

HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Respondent, Edward Daniel Sledge, D.D.S., shall submit to a substance abuse evaluation by a Board appointed psychiatrist. Such evaluation shall be at the expense of respondent.

2. Respondent shall participate in a substance abuse rehabilitation program as recommended by the above psychiatrist and as approved by the Board.

3. Such rehabilitation program shall include unannounced urinalysis monitoring and testing in a frequency as recommended by the above psychiatrist and as approved by the Board.

4. Respondent shall authorize quarterly reports be submitted to the Board regarding his participation in the above described rehabilitation program. Respondent shall authorize such program to immediately notify the Board in the event respondent unilaterally terminates participation in such program.

5. Respondent shall authorize the immediate release to the Board of any positive results of urinalysis testing.

6. Respondent's license is hereby suspended indefinitely. Respondent's suspension is stayed contingent upon respondent's compliance with the above conditions. In the event the Board receives

a report that respondent has unilaterally terminated participation in the rehabilitation program or that respondent has a positive urinalysis test result, the suspension shall be immediately activated pending final action of the Board on these reports.

7. Respondent is hereby assessed costs in the amount of \$3,928.20 to be paid in 12 monthly installments of \$327.35. The first payment shall be due January 15, 1987. Subsequent payments shall be paid by the 15th day of the next eleven months. Failure to pay an installment on the required date shall result in the entire remaining amount to become immediately due.

8. The cost of the urinalysis and other costs associated with respondent's participation and rehabilitation program shall be paid by him.

9. Respondent is hereby permanently enjoined from the privilege of prescribing Schedule II and IIN Controlled Dangerous Substances. However, possession for personal use shall be permitted by physician prescription written by such physician in the course of rendering bona fide health care to respondent. Enjoinment from prescribing other schedules of Controlled Dangerous Substances may be imposed if recommended by the Board appointed psychiatrist following his evaluation of respondent.

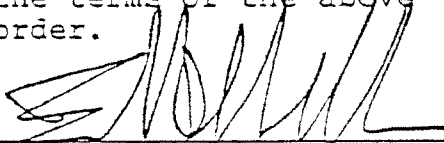
10. Respondent may apply to the Board for termination of the above suspension and limitations on his license two years following the effective date of this order. Such application shall be supported by a report of a Board approved or appointed psychiatrist. Upon consideration of such application, the Board may terminate, modify or leave unchanged the above limitation on

respondent's license.



Richard J. VanSciver, D.D.S.
President
State Board of Dentistry

I understand and agree to
the terms of the above
order.



Edward Daniel Sledge, D.D.S.
Respondent